

In Loving Memory of

Charles M. Clark

Sunrise
November 28, 1934

Sunset
August 17, 2017

Diane Marshall-Clark

Sunset
May 8, 1955

Sunset
August 16, 2017

Service

Thursday, August 24, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Charles M. Clark

Charles M. Clark was born on November 28, 1934 in Windsor, North Carolina. He was the fifth of six children born to the late Meta and Herman Clark. He attended public school in Windsor and to the day of his death, satisfied his thirst for knowledge, as the truest of all "lifelong learners".

Charles, also nicknamed "Boose", left North Carolina after his father's untimely death, to make his own life in New York City. He served in the United States Army from 1954 - 1956. He worked in the garment industry and Pfister Aluminum Company until he arrived at his career with The New York Times, from which he retired in the year 2000.

In 1957, Charles met the love of his life, Juanita Shuford and the two were married in February 1959. They were blessed with three sons: Charles (Kery), Darryl and Rory. Charles mastered many trades. His skillset was beneficial to his family, and many, many others. It was common for anyone who needed work done to seek out "Charlie" for a tutorial (and hopefully a helping hand). He instilled in his sons the importance of being handy and knowledgeable in the same skills. His foresight to invest in Harlem real-estate at a time when many doubted his decision, led to success that enabling him to guide many others towards the rewards of home ownership.

Charles' biggest achievement came in 1962, when he and Juanita began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. Recognizing the truth, he soon dedicated his life to Jehovah and became one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1964. He never looked back. He served the Lower Harlem congregation as a zealous and joyful elder for more than 50 years. He assisted many people with both spiritual and personal challenges, while also assisting various Kingdom and Assembly Hall construction projects. He and Juanita often shared their home and hospitality with spiritual brothers and sisters from around the world.

Charles Clark impacted all who knew him as either work-mate, father figure, uncle, big brother, or friend. From the youngest to the oldest, so many have warm stories and fond memories of him. Quite simply he was an inspiration.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 58 years, Juanita Shuford Clark; their sons, Kery, Darryl (Karen) and Rory (Monique); two grandchildren, David and Rachel; his brother, Solomon Clark; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives; and countless friends. He will also be missed by his furry four legged buddy, "Joey". He was preceded in death by brothers, William, Robert and Rudolph; his sister, Mary; and his beloved daughter-in-law, the late Diane Marshall-Clark.

Diane Marshall

Diane Marshall was born on May 8, 1955 to Sandy and Elizabeth Marshall in New York City.

She received her education in the New York City Public School System. She worked for several employers, she worked for Verizon and she was also a home healthcare aid who lovingly provided comfort to her patients.

Diane was very close to her family. She enjoyed the company of her daughter, Diandra; her twin sister, Denise Rose; her niece, Nia Rose; and nephews, Bilal Muhammed and Lance Rose; and Bilal's children.

Diane and her sister began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses when they were young, and they dedicated themselves to serve Jehovah. Her faith is in Jehovah's promise of a paradise new world and a resurrection.

Diane was loved by all who met her and known for her kindness and loving personality. On November 20, 1998 Diane wed Charles Kery Clark, to whom she was married for 18 years until her passing. Diane passed on Wednesday August 16, 2017. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth; her father, Sandy; and her nephew, Bilal.

She leaves precious memories with her husband, Charles; her daughter, Diandra; her twin sister, Denise; brother-in-law, Phillip; niece, Nia; nephew, Lance; niece, Liliana; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters; and brothers in faith.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Bro. Kenneth Cromartie

Song

151 - "He Will Call"

Introductory Remarks

Obituary Reading

- Diane Marshall-Clark

- Charles M. Clark

Bro. Snipe

Memorial Discourse

Bro. Eric Laney

Song

#140 - "Life Without End At Last"

Closing Prayer

Bro. Vincent Cason



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